

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 369 without my signature.

This measure is premature and would add new General Fund costs to the Medi-Cal program when significant reductions are currently being implemented. Furthermore, the new facilities are still under construction and not scheduled to provide services until at least July 2011.

I encourage the author to examine ways to provide these services in the most cost-effective manner and propose them through the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger